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By 1947, a total of 32,500 hectares had been reforested.

The planned annual cut does not exceed the annual growth. Cutting is to take place according to a selective principle. In nonwooded areas, 76,000 hectares of protective strips are to be planted to conserve moisture and to protect seed crops from wind damage. In 1947, the plan for replenishment of existing forests was fulfilled 118 percent, and for new plantings 116 percent, representing a total of over 40,000 hectares. In 1948, plan fulfillment was 108 percent and 156 percent, respectively, covering 36,000 hectares. The Five-Year Plan for 1949 - 1953 provides for filling out a forest area of 321,000 hectares through the planting of barren areas.

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